#### **PREFACE**

This is the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center's 2013 Forms Book, Eleventh Edition, with changes incorporated from the 83rd Legislature. Several forms have changed due to statutory amendments, and multiple new forms have been created to ensure that municipal courts have most, if not all, of the forms necessary to efficiently and effectively process cases and serve the ends of justice. Look for the icon on each chapter's table of contents to indicate forms that have been added and the contents to indicate forms that have changed since the last edition. Some of the new forms include: a search warrant (and affidavit) for fire, health, and code inspections, a magistrate's record of service of order of emergency protection, an order of waiver of surcharges for indigent defendants, a waiver of payment of fine and costs for indigent defendants and children, a defendant's waiver of option to discharge fine or costs by performing community service, a waiver of jurisdiction and transfer to juvenile court for a child with mental illness, disability, or lack of capacity, an order dismissing complaint for a child with mental illness, disability, or lack of capacity, and a bill of costs. Many forms have also been updated to include legislative amendments, including new provisions for licensed court interpreters, magistrate's orders of emergency protection, transfers to juvenile court, and written statements of children. Updated forms for reporting to the Department of Public Safety are also included.

Take a few moments to review each new form and determine whether it might be of benefit to your court. Note that the top of each form includes a heading containing our title for the form and any relevant statute to which it pertains. The chapter title and revision date are located at the bottom of each form along with a page number for reference within the book. Editor's notes are located on some forms in order to highlight important or unclear areas of law. Your court may delete all of this information for practical use. Remember that all papers issued out of the court (except for subpoenas) and all documents of the court that need authenticating should bear the municipal court's seal. Feel free to modify these forms to accommodate the needs of your court. You may access the forms in Microsoft Word format online at www.tmcec.com/Resources/Books/Forms\_Book and save a copy directly to your court's computer.

We realize that many courts are using software to generate complaints. However, as diverse as the municipal courts of Texas are, there are several courts that rely on sample complaints from TMCEC and other courts. In an ongoing effort to conserve paper and encourage use of the TMCEC website, we have removed the sample complaints from newer editions of the *Forms Book*. Instead, we have created a Complaint Bank on the TMCEC website that includes all the model complaints included in previous editions of the *Forms Book*. We invite prosecutors and clerks to submit model complaints for varying state-law Class C misdemeanor offenses. Ideally, we can develop a databank with model language for each of the thousand-plus Class C misdemeanors in Texas law!

We are constantly revising the forms within this publication, and we greatly appreciate suggestions and examples from municipal courts across the state, to help make this book as useful and accurate as possible. This book will be revised again in 2015 to reflect any changes made by the 84th Legislature and Texas courts.

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### **CAVEAT**

This book is intended to serve as only a guide and to provide accurate and current information. However, it is published with the intention that TMCEC is not engaged in rendering legal or other professional advice. All users must be responsible for their own legal drafting. Legal drafting should be accompanied by legal advice and direction from the city attorney.

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E.C. Education CodeF.C. Family Code

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H.S.C. Health and Safety Code

JNA Juvenile Now Adult

No. Number

P.C. Penal Code

Sec. Section

T.C. Transportation Code

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